Opening Remarks

<u>Call to Worship</u>: "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

1 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, In the dawning of the King. He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, Now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us.

2 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man. In His living, in His suff'ring, Never trace, nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the great and sure fulfillment Of the law, in Him we stand.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Confession: "Lord Have Mercy"

1 For what we have done and left undone, We fall on Your countless mercies. For sins that are known and those unknown, We call on Your name so holy. For envy and pride, for closing our eyes, For scorning our very neighbor. In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You our King; How deeply we need a Savior.

Chorus:

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

2 For what You have done, your life of love, You perfectly lived, we praise You. Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes, You finished the work God gave You. And there on the tree, a King among thieves, You bled for a world's betrayal. You loved to the end, our merciful friend: How pure and forever Faithful. 3 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree, In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold, Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Slain by death the God of life. But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord, He is alive. [What a foretaste of deliv'rance, How unwavering our hope, Christ in power resurrected As we will be when He comes.] - 2x

Chorus 2x: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

3 For hearts that are cold, for seizing control, For scorning our very neighbor. In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You our King; How deeply we need a Savior.

Chorus 3x: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Special Music: "Forgiven"

1 Lord, forgive us for our prideWhen our faith becomes a show,Dressed in righteous deeds to hideAll the stains below.We have judged Your sons and daughtersFor the sin that is our own.May we now forgive each otherAnd lay down our stones.

Chorus: Forgiven, forgiven, Through the blood of Christ We are forgiven.

2 Lord, forgive us for our loveOf the things we wish to own.We forsake the feast aboveFor all the crumbs belowThough You've made us sons and daughters,We do not the world disown.May we find our greatest treasureIs in You alone.

<u>Message</u>: "As If" You Don't Fear God (Malachi 3:13-15) See notes on page that follows.

<u>Song of Response</u>: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

1 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter; I am the clay, Mold me and make me after Thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.

2 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master today! Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now As in Thy presence humbly I bow. Chorus 2x: Forgiven, forgiven, Through the blood of Christ We are forgiven.

3 Lord, forgive us for our shame When we can't release the past, When we're quick to take the blame, But forget we're free at last. We avoid Your sons and daughters, For the fear we don't belong. Give us eyes to see each other Through Your only Son.

Chorus 2x: Forgiven, forgiven, Through the blood of Christ We are forgiven.

3 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray! Power all power surely is Thine, Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

4 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

Announcements & Benediction

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"As If" You Don't Fear God

Malachi 3:13-15

Big Idea: When we act as if we don't fear the Lord, we are ignorantly acting as if we are against the Lord.

Point 1: When we don't fear God, our ignorance of Him shows. (The way we think.)

Point 2: When we don't fear God, our passion, and desires are misled. (The way we feel.)

Point 3: When we don't fear God, our work for God is in vain. (The way we act.)

Challenge of the Week: Write out all the attributes of God you can find in Scripture that brings you into awe and wonder of Him and then pray that He will continually show you His holiness so you can grow to your reverent fear of Him.